

## CLAIMS:

1. A method of producing a plurality of bodies, each body (10) bearing an optical structure, the optical structures being substantially equal, being associated with a respective information carrier for containing user information, and being indicative of characteristic information for providing access to the user information, characterized by the steps of:

5 - producing a stamp (13) by attaching particles (14) to a surface (15) of an auxiliary body (16); and

- using the stamp (13) to imprint an imprintable material, thereby producing the plurality of bodies, the each body (10) having at least a surface portion bearing an imprint (11) of the stamp (13).

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2. A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized by the step of applying to the imprint (11) of the each body (10) a layer of reflecting material (22) having a surface (23) facing away from the imprint (11), which surface substantially follows the imprint (11).

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3. A method as claimed in claim 1 or 2, characterized by the steps of:

- applying over the imprint (11) of the each body (10) a layer of another, substantially transparent, imprintable material (30);

- using the stamp (13) an additional time to imprint the layer of the other imprintable material (30), thereby making an additional imprint (31) on the each body (10).

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4. A method as claimed in claim 1 or 2, characterized by the steps of:

- producing an additional stamp (13') by attaching particles (14') to a surface (15') of an additional auxiliary body (16');

- applying a layer of an other, substantially transparent, imprintable material (30) over the imprint (11) of the each body (10);

- using the additional stamp (13') to imprint the layer of the other imprintable material (30), thereby making an additional imprint (31) on the each body (10).

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5. A method as claimed in claim 3 or 4, characterized in that the imprintable material used has a first refractive index, and the other imprintable material (30) has a second refractive index, the second refractive index being different from the first refractive index.
- 5 6. A method as claimed in claim 3 or 4, characterized by the step of interposing a substantially transparent separation layer (32) between the imprint (11) and the layer of the other imprintable material (30) of the each body (10).
- 10 7. A method as claimed in claim 6, characterized in that the imprintable material used has a first refractive index, and the separation layer (32) has a third refractive index, the third refractive index being different from the first refractive index.
- 15 8. A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized by the step of applying a substantially transparent covering layer (20) over the imprint (11) of the each body (10).
9. A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the each body (10) is a laminated body comprising a reflective layer (21).
- 20 10. A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the each body (10) is integral with the respective information carrier (40).
11. A method as claimed in claim 1 or 4, characterized in that particles of diamond are used as the particles (14).
- 25 12. A method as claimed in claim 1 or 4, characterized in that particles having a size ranging between 100 nm and 1  $\mu$  m are used as the particles (14).